## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY December 6, 2021

The Board of Public Works and Safety, City of Madison, Indiana, met in regular session at 11:30 AM in the Council Chamber, City Hall. Present: Eaglin, Courtney, and Carlow (3-0).

Eaglin made a motion to approve the November 15, 2021, minutes, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Nicole Schell presented four new PACE applications to the board. The first is at 124 East Street for \$25,000.00, the second is at 506 Jefferson Street for \$5,045.00, the third at 707 Walnut Street for \$5,750.00 and the last at 812 Walnut for \$25,000.00.

Eaglin made a motion to approve the requests, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Schell then presented a PACE amendment to 707 East Main Street. Originally it was for a retaining wall, but since INDOT is handling that the emphasis for repairs and upgrades has been moved to windows, gutters, doors, etc. The dollar amount has not changed, and Schell said the request meets guidelines.

Eaglin made a motion to approve the change, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Three PACE final requests were then presented. The first is at 522 Mulberry for \$11,825.00, the second at 707 East Main for \$7,500.00 and the third at 205 West First Street for \$7,500.00.

Eaglin made a motion to approve the tree requests, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

An unsafe structure situation was presented regarding an extensive fire damaged home at 1202 Wells Drive. The city has moved to clean it up and has sent letters to the owner regarding the need to clean it up and eliminate the hazard. The owner, Bonnie Cox, came before the board and explained that she had not gotten the letters as her address has changed. Cox assured the board that she would have everything done by the end of the month. Cox will come to the next board meeting to give them an update on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The Board was satisfied with Cox's explanation and looks forward to her update in two weeks.

Kathy Rohlfing came before the board to give an update on the tree board activities and a planned upgrade around Jefferson and Main by Little People's Boutique. Five elm trees will be planted in the area, and it is believed that it will give a very enhanced visual upgrade to the area.

The board conveyed their approval and excitement for the upgrade.

Rohlfing has been with the tree board for 25 years. Mayor Courtney, Eaglin and Carlow all expressed their gratitude for Rohlfing's great work. She will step down at the end of this year.

Nicole Schell, Director of Planning, gave an update on the office's activities. Concerning the Crystal Beach/Stellar project, the contractor is creating shop drawings and ordering materials. Biweekly construction meetings will begin tomorrow. Plans for the locker room floors to make them ADA accessible are being reworked. Repair of the south wall of the pool is also being looked at. There were 77 nuisance citations issued in 2021. 32 buildings have been deemed unsafe structures since 2016. 6 have been stabilized, 3 demolished and 2 with approval to be demolished. 21 are still outstanding with no action taken yet. 51 properties are potentially unsafe with building inspector Scott Gross monitoring. The data has been given to the implementation team for the new IWORQ software. The office has started training and will go live at the first of the year.

Deputy Mayor McGee gave an update on the Main Street project. It is now completed. McGee then gave an update on the Spring Community Crossing Grant project which will be a complete upgrade to streets, sidewalks, and curbs in the Oak Hill neighborhood.

Chief Wallace gave an update on the recent accident involving a pedestrian being hit by a car at West and Main Streets. Thankfully, she is in stable condition at a Louisville hospital. Megan Kloss graduates from the academy this Thursday. The department is currently working on 3 new hires.

Carlow made a motion to approve the claims as submitted, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

## **MAYORS COMMENTS:**

Mayor Courtney reported that the MOU with the Salvation Army is complete. Also, there has been a problem with citizens closing sidewalks on their own. Courtney reiterated that all closings must come before the Board of Publics Works and Safety. The work by Pikes Tree Service to clear trees and debris from Crooked Creek between Jefferson and West Streets has begun. The co-op with the county using the city's transfer station has gone well. Some 958 tons of trash has been processed from the county

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

Next meeting is Monday, December 20, 2021, at 11:30am.

Eaglin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 PM.

By Cur Mayor Bob Courtney

David Carlow

Karl Eaglin

ATTEST

Rick Berry, Clerk Treasurer